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New Literature

The most important books listed in these columns will receive notice in the book-review pages.

OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

DRIVER S. R. Additions and Corrections in the Seventh Edition of the Book of Genesis. London: Methuen & Co., 1909. Pp. 34. 1s.

This list is incorporated in the seventh edition of Dr. Driver's valuable commentary, but is published separately also for the benefit of those who have the earlier editions and do not wish to buy another one. The changes have to do with chronology and archaeology for the most part. They are of the greatest significance and the facts upon which they are based should be in the possession of all students of Genesis.

CLARKE, W. N. Sixty Years with the Bible. A Record of Experience. New York: Scribners, 1909. Pp. 259. \$1.25.

Dr. Clarke here gives us the story of the changes in his own attitude toward the Bible. The narrative is full of interest and charm, forcing the reader to follow it to the end. To those who fear lest the adoption of the historical point of view should rob the Bible of its highest value, this recital of the personal experience of a devout and scholarly man whose Bible has been enriched as a result of modern methods and principles should bring assurance and furnish guidance. The story ought to find wide reading, for its subject is of first-class significance and the method of presentation is worthy of the theme.

MITCHELL, H. G. Genesis. [The Bible for Home and School, ed. by Shailer Mathews.] New York: Macmillan, 1909. Pp. 379. \$0.90.

This is a distinctly popular commentary. The introduction is concise and clear, confining itself to a simple statement of the conclusions of modern scholarship. The notes are just such as the layman needs, illuminating and helpful. The text is that of the Revised Version and its various component sources are indicated by letters on the margin. Furthermore, the more important variations of the ancient versions are given below the text in English translation. With this book in hand, any man can find out for himself the meaning and character of the Book of Genesis.

EISELEN, F. C. Prophecy and the Prophets in Their Historical Relations. New York: Eaton & Mains, 1909. Pp. 331. \$1.50.

After two introductory chapters dealing with the nature of the Old Testament in general and of prophecy in particular, the prophets beginning with Amos are taken up in chronological order and studied in the light of contemporary history. A cautious attitude is maintained toward the results of the historical method, but its legitimacy is recognized. As an introduction to the study of prophecy the book will be useful to students approaching the subject for the first time.

KAUTZSCH, E. Die heilige Schrift des Alten Testaments, übersetzt und herausgegeben. Dritte, völlig neu gearbeitete Auflage. Lieferungen 13-15. Tübingen: J. C. B. Mohr, 1909. Pp. 769-952. M. 2.40.

This part closes the first volume of this new edition and carries the student through Ezekiel. This prophet, like Jeremiah, is translated and interpreted by Rothstein. A work like this, incorporating the latest conclusions of scholarship and yet well within the range of the intelligent public, is a great desideratum in English.

THOMSEN, P. Palästina und seine Kultur in fünf Jahrtausenden, nach den neuesten Ausgrabungen und Forschungen dargestellt. Mit 36 Abbildungen. [Aus Natur und Geisteswelt.] Leipzig: Teubner, 1909. Pp. 108. M. 1.25.

An excellent handbook for the German laity. Its first chapter narrates briefly the history of excavation and exploration in Palestine; the second discusses the means whereby the chronology of the archaeological remains may be determined, while the remaining seven chapters take up the successive periods of the history of Palestine from the pre-historic age down to the close of the Byzantine period. A list of the more important literature upon the subject completes the presentation.

ARTICLES

SAYCE, A. H. "The Influence of the Sudan upon Jewish History," *The Review and Expositor*, October, 1909.

A sketch of the political relations between Judah and Ethiopia during the eighth and seventh centuries B. C.

VAN HOONACKER, A. L'Ebed Yahwé et la composition littéraire de chaps. xl ss. d'Isaïe. *Revue biblique internationale*, October, 1909.

A keen critique of the interpretations of the Servant of Jehovah passages recently offered by Sellin, Staerk, and Condamin, supplemented by a new poetical arrangement and translation of the materials.

NEW TESTAMENT

BOOKS

FREIHERR VON SODEN, HANS. Das Lateinische Neue Testament in Afrika zur Zeit Cyprians. Nach Bibelhandschriften und Väterzeugnissen. Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1909. (*Texte und Untersuchungen*, xxxiii.) Pp. x+663. M.21.

Comparison of the Old Latin manuscripts Bobbiensis, Palatinus, and Claromontanus with the text reflected in Cyprian's writings leads von Soden upon the basis of these four witnesses to reconstruct the African Old Latin New Testament, as he believes it existed in Cyprian's day.

BACHMANN, PHILIPP. Der Zweite Brief des Paulus an die Korinther. (Kommentar zum Neuen Testament, herausgegeben von Theodor Zahn: Band VIII.) Leipzig: Deichert, 1909. Pp. viii+425.

Bachmann's commentary on II Corinthians is an important contribution from the conservative side, to New Testament interpretation. He holds to the unity of the epistle as we have it. It was written from Macedonia in the late summer of A. D. 57, and sent by the hand of Titus.

PICK, BERNHARD. The Apocryphal Acts of Paul, Peter, John, Andrew, and Thomas. Chicago: Open Court Publishing Co., 1909. Pp. xiv+376.

Dr. Pick's English translations of these earliest apocryphal Acts are prefaced by full bibliographies, mostly German, and brief introductions. Of the Acts of Paul he translates three chapters; those of Peter are translated from the Vercelli Latin, with the addition of one episode from the Coptic. The work will give English readers an interesting glimpse of popular Christianity in the late second and early third centuries.

MASTERMAN, E. W. G. Studies in Galilee. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1909. Pp. xv+154. \$1 net.

Long residence in Palestine has fitted Dr. Masterman to produce a thoroughly original first-hand study of the historic district of Galilee. Readers of Dr. Masterman's articles on Galilee in the *Biblical World* will be glad to find them combined with additional material, in this attractive book.

RELATED SUBJECTS

BOOKS

PATON, L. B. *Recent Christian Progress. Studies in Christian Thought and Work during the Last Seventy-five Years by Professors and Alumni of Hartford Theological Seminary, in Celebration of Its Seventy-fifth Anniversary, May 24-26, 1909.* New York: Macmillan, 1909. Pp. xiv + 597. \$3.

These are in large part critical sketches of the more important literature dealing with the various phases of Christian thought published during the period in question. The first one hundred and thirty-seven pages are devoted to Old and New Testament literature. The remaining fields covered are Systematic Theology, Church History, The Modern Churches, Church Work, Allied Agencies, Home Missions, Foreign Missions.

JORDAN, L. H., AND LABANCA, B. *The Study of Religion in the Italian Universities.* London: Oxford University Press, 1909. Pp. xxviii + 324. 6s.

This is a valuable contribution to our knowledge of the religious situation in Italy at the present time, tracing as it does the progress of the study of religion in Italy up to our own age. The history of this discipline is of course indissolubly entwined with that of the religious attitude in general and the progress of the church in particular. This is especially true of Italy where the movement toward modernism has rooted itself so deeply and where the university men have played so large a part in shaping the religious thought of today.

JORDAN, L. H. *Modernism in Italy. Its Origin, Its Incentive, Its Leaders, and Its Aims.* London: Oxford University Press, 1909. Pp. 48. 2s.

This is a very timely publication. Dr. Jordan's extended residence in Italy, together with his studies of the religious history of modern Italy as represented in the foregoing book, have qualified him to speak authoritatively upon this question.

ARPEE, L. *The Armenian Awakening. A History of the Armenian Church, 1820-1860.* Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. 1909. Pp. xi + 228. \$1.25.

A valuable study of an important period of Armenian History. To students of Turkish politics and of Christian missions alike this book should be of great interest and value.

BRIGGS, C. A. *Church Unity: Studies of Its Most Important Problems.* New York: Scribners, 1909. Pp. 451. \$1.50.

Dr. Briggs has here assembled several articles contributed to various magazines during the last quarter of a century. These constitute about one-half of this volume. As the embodiment of the conclusions of one who has long been a leading exponent and careful student of the problems of Christian Irenics, this volume will find a hearty welcome, even where dissent from its positions will prevail.

GORDON, GEO. A. *Religion and Miracles.* Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1909. Pp. ix + 244. \$1.30.

This book has grown out of a series of lectures delivered at Yale. Its author seeks to establish the contention that Christianity is not dependent upon miracle, that all its essential verities are independent of miracle; hence the true Christian need not be disturbed by doubts as to the genuineness of the miraculous element in the life of Christ.

GLADDEN, WASHINGTON. *Recollections.* Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Pp. 445. \$2.

The Columbus pastor has had no unimportant part in the events of the last fifty years, which he records in delightful style in this book of memoirs. One sees through his eyes the Civil War, the days of reconstruction, the civil-service reform, municipal improvement, the industrial revolution, the negro problem, and the personal interpre-

tation gives a new light to the history. Biblical students will appreciate the recollections of the beginning of larger views of the Bible in America. Such a retrospect helps one to realize the genuine advance that has been made.

WALKER, W. L. *The Gospel of Reconciliation, or At-one-ment.* New York: Scribners, 1909. Pp. 245. \$2.00.

BURTON, M. LEROY. *The Problem of Evil. A Criticism of the Augustinian Point of View.* Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Co., 1909. Pp. 234.

CARUS P. *The Pleroma. An essay on the Origin of Christianity.* Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Co., 1909. Pp. 163. \$1.00.